

AUBURN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR SESSION
March 22, 2004, 6:00 p.m.

The Regular Session of the Auburn City Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall at 1225 Lincoln Way, Auburn, California with Mayor Cheryl Maki presiding and City Clerk Joseph G.R. Labrie recording the minutes.

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Council Members Present:	Kathy Sands, Alice Dowdin, Kevin Hanley, Mike Holmes, Mayor Cheryl Maki
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Council Members Absent:	None
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Staff Members Present:	City Manager Bob Richardson City Attorney Charles Wachob Fire Chief Mark D'Ambrogi Engineering Division Manager Bernie Schroeder Public Works Director Tom Fossum
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**MAYOR'S COMMENDATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS/ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS/
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor's Proclamation: Prevent Child Abuse Month, April 2004

AGENDA APPROVAL

Item 8 was continued.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. **Warrants**

By **RESOLUTION 04-33** approve Warrants #56098 through 56313 totaling \$1,151,654.90.

2. **Council Minutes**

By **MOTION** approve City Council Minutes of January 26, 2004.

3. **Nevada Street at Palm Avenue Signal Project-Notice of Completion**

- A. By **RESOLUTION 04-34** authorize the recording of a Notice of Completion for the Nevada Street at Palm Avenue Signal Project. (Exhibit A)
- B. By **RESOLUTION 04-35** authorize the recording of the Multipurpose Easement from Grantors Earle Eisley, James M. Eisley, William H. Eisley, Susan C. Flohr, and Earlene A. Eisley to the City of Auburn. (Exhibit B)
- C. By **RESOLUTION 04-36** authorize the approval of the Final Progress Payment.

4. **Anderson Parcel Map**

By **RESOLUTION 04-37** approve the Anderson Parcel Map for recording.

5. **Fire Dispatch Contract with California Department of Forestry & Fire Protection 2003/04 Fiscal Year Amendment**

By **RESOLUTION 04-38** authorize Fire Chief to sign the Fire Dispatch Agreement Amendment with California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection for Fiscal Years 2003/2004.

***** End of Consent Calendar *****

By **MOTION** approve Consent Calendar. **MOTION: Dowdin/Hanley/**
Approved 5:0

6. **Public Comment**

Council Member Holmes said the Firehouse renovation project on El Dorado Street is now underway and a campaign is also underway to raise \$15,000 from the community. The Native Sons have pledged \$1,000, the Downtown Business Association has pledged a matching grant of \$2,500 and others wishing to contribute to this effort may do so by sending it to:

The Hook and Ladder Firehouse Renovation Fund
P.O. Box 9212
Auburn, Ca 95604

Mayor Maki announced that she would adjourn the meeting in memory of Bob Robinson (City Attorney for 30 years) and also Don Robinson.

PUBLIC HEARING

7. **Adoption of Uniform Fire Code**

Conduct a second reading by title only.

MOTION amend by **ORDINANCE 04-1** the Auburn Municipal Code by adopting the; Uniform Fire Code with amendments, Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones, Fire Safe Standards, and amendment to the Building Code to regulate hazardous fire conditions within the boundaries of the City of Auburn. **MOTION: Holmes/Dowdin/Approved 5:0**

Second reading by title only by City Attorney Charles Wachob.

By **RESOLUTION 04-39** approve the Fire Department Fee Schedules as amended. **MOTION: Dowdin/Sands/Approved 5:0**

REPORTS

8. **Quarterly Reports from Committees and Commissions**

Informational Report from the Telecommunications Commission.

Item continued.

9. **Informational Reports from Staff**

Public Works Director's monthly update of departmental activities.

In addition to his written report, Public Works Director Tom Fossum said he had received 95% of the design drawing for the School Park Preserve.

10. **City Council Committee Reports**

Council Member Sands announced that the new Auburn Market Place will start April 7th.

Council Member Dowdin announced that SACOG had adopted a voluntary affordable housing policy for the region. It will be coming to the City Council for consideration.

Council Member Holmes said the Traffic Committee will bring to the Council some proposed changes in the time periods for some parking lots.

Council Member Hanley said that the Greater Auburn Fire Safety Council discussed how the \$90,000 grant for the shaded fuel break would be applied. The Fire Safety Council's goal is to approve two contractors to do the work on April 15th. The Fire Chief intends to send letters to homeowners who could be eligible for money from the grant, particularly in the high-risk areas to clear their properties and improve the safety.

Mayor Maki said that LAFCO met last week and discussed the Municipal Service Reviews (MSR's) that are unfunded mandates by the state, telling us that we have to review all the services in a certain area (the whole county). One has been completed and we have three to go.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

11. **Appointment to Arts Commission-Arts Commission Recommendation**

City Manager Bob Richardson said there were five applications for the one vacancy. The Arts Commission recommended the appointment of Everett Jensen to the Professional Artist position.

By **RESOLUTION 04-40** appoint Everett Jensen to complete the unexpired term in the Professional Artist category. **MOTION:**
Holmes/Sands/Approved 5:0

12. **Norris Electric Façade Funding Request**

City Manager Bob Richardson said that the EDC recommended approval of the \$5,000 grant.

Dan Sokol of 1330 Deerwood Place in Auburn said the city should not be doing this. The money would be better spent on the streets.

By **RESOLUTION 04-41** approve funding for a Façade Improvement Program grant in the amount of \$5,000 for Norris Electric, Inc.

MOTION: Sands/Holmes/Approved 5:0

13. **Beale Air Base Retention Request**

By **RESOLUTION 04-42** support Yuba County in its request to keep Beal Air Base Operational. **MOTION: Dowdin/Sands/Approved 5:0**

14. **Endurance Capital Work Program**

City Manager Bob Richardson said that this is a request by the Endurance Capital Committee to become an official committee under the City Council and approval of the work plan outlined in the agenda.

By **RESOLUTION 04-43** appoint the existing Endurance Capital of the World Committee as a temporary Committee, consisting of:

- 1 Western States Endurance Run Member
- 1 Western States Trail Foundation Member
- 1 Auburn Endurance Club Member
- 1 Triathlon Events Member
- 1 Cycling Events Member
- 1 Service Club Member
- 2 Business at Large Members
- 1 City Council Member as a liaison

These members are to draft an enabling ordinance for Council consideration. **MOTION: Dowdin/Holmes/Approved 5:0**

FUNDING

Mayor Maki said she was uncomfortable with these funding requests because they did not go before the Economic Development Commission (EDC) first. Council Members Sands and Holmes agreed and Holmes added that this item should be postponed.

Council Member Hanley favored the funding recommended in the staff report. He viewed this request as important start-up funding. The Council has had several days to review the details of the spending plan and would have nothing to gain by referring to the EDC for review and recommendation. Given the number of events coming up, the Council needs to give the go-ahead signal to the committee and provide this basic funding.

By **RESOLUTION 04-44** allocate \$7,500 to the City Manager to be expended as outlined in the staff report as follows:

\$1,700 for attracting national and international media coverage for this year's events,

\$2,500 to create a comprehensive linkage from the Endurance Capital web page, to local businesses and to local trailheads,

\$2,300 to create new family friendly endurance related activities to connect Auburnites to the many major events,

\$1,000 to produce 19,000 copies of an 8-page tabloid that focuses on endurance activities and our local businesses.

MOTION: Dowdin/Maki/Approved 5:0

MERCHANDISING

There was considerable Council discussion about the City of Auburn getting into the merchandising business and all that it entails.

Council Member Dowdin said that this is the first time the city will be in the merchandising business. She would like some time to think about alternatives.

It was pointed out that the reason the city would be in the wholesale business end only is so that it would not be competing with the local businesses. This is a cooperative effort between the city and local businesses. This would generate sales tax dollars that would benefit the city.

Council Member Holmes said he was uncomfortable with the city getting into the wholesale business. The Council should explore alternatives.

Council Member Hanley thought the merchandising element as proposed in the staff report represents a very small risk for the city.

The potential benefit for the taxpayers is great. He favors the recommendations in the staff report.

By **MOTION** continue this Merchandising element to the April 12th Council meeting. Direct City Manager to explore alternatives and consider reducing the number of items for tryout run. **MOTION: Dowdin/Sands**

To the question of the Motion, Dan Sokol said it should be continued until a committee has responsibility.

Council Member Hanley offered a **SUBSTITUTE MOTION** to grant to the City Manager up to \$5,000 to begin the purchase of product line featuring the “Endurance Capital” logo in order to produce ongoing revenues to support future Endurance Capital activities.

MOTION: Hanley/No Second/Motion failed.

1st MOTION by Dowdin/Sands was approved 4:1/No: Hanley

ADJOURNMENT at 8:44 p.m. in honor of Bob and Don Robinson.

Joseph G.R. Labrie, City Clerk

Cheryl Maki, Mayor